

EXHIBIT 1DATE 3/19/09SB 337**Smith Farms Inc.**288 Sandhills Road  
Dagmar, Montana 59219A Montana Ranching Family  
Since 1903

Ed (406-483-5484) Gary (406-483-5494) Rod (406-483-5480)

February 13, 2009

Senator John Brenden:

Smith Farms, Inc. has a livestock operation with 14 miles of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeast Montana and we are adamantly opposed to the relocation of bison taken from a quarantine facility as was proposed by FWP.

This is during the same time when the Montana Department of Livestock is attempting to provide a reasonable solution to the brucellosis problem in a seven county area in south western Montana.

For over 50 years our calves have been sold to feedlot owners in Iowa, Nebraska, and other states. Why would any state agency take the risk associated with this proposal that could cause livestock producers in Montana to lose a place to market their livestock?

Sincerely,

*Ed Smith**Gary Smith**Rod Smith*

EXHIBIT 1DATE 3/19/09SB 337**Smith Farms Inc.**288 Sandhills Road  
Dagmar, Montana 59219A Montana Ranching Family  
Since 1903

Ed (406-483-5484) Gary (406-483-5494) Rod (406-483-5480)

February 11, 2009

Senator John Brenden:

Smith Farms Inc. has a livestock operation within 14 miles of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeast Montana and we are adamantly opposed to the relocation of bison taken from a quarantine facility as was proposed by FWP.

This is during the same time when the Montana Department of Livestock is attending to provide a reasonable solution to the brucellosis problem in a seven county area in south western Montana.

For over 50 years our calves have been sold to feedlot owners in Iowa, Nebraska, and other states. Why would any state agency take the risk associated with this proposal that could cause livestock producers in Montana to lose a place to market our livestock?

Sincerely,

*Ed B. Smith*

# Phone Message

Message # 15486      Operator CL0066      Message taken: 3/18/2009 3:24:57 PM

Caller **Robert Michaels**

Title/Company

3212 Davis Valley  
Reserve, MT 59258

Home Ph. - - 406

Work Ph. - - 406

Cell Ph.

Senate

**SEN. JOHN BRENDEN**

Seat No. 43

CallBack ☐

Sheridan Co stockmens assn supports

Vote FOR SB 337: Revise laws governing bison--re: translocation of quarantined bison.

EXHIBIT. 1

DATE 3/19/09

SB 337